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SUBJECT: THREATENING LETTERS TO US FIRMS FROM QUOTE TAIWAN
LIBERATION FRONT UNQUOTE

REF: (A) TAIPEI 0579, (B) STATE 020334

1. MEETING CONCERNING SUBJECT LETTERS WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 1977, AT POLICE ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, TAIPEI. THOSE PRESENT WERE GENERAL K'UNG LING-CH'ENG, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE; GENERAL CHANG HAN-KWANG, CHIEF OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS POLICE; MR. DOUGLAS K. RAMSEY, ECONOMIC SECTION, EMBASSY; MR. JOHN F. MCPOLAND, SECURITY OFFICER, EMBASSY; AND THREE AMCHAM REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING AMCHAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

2. GENERAL CHANG READ A STATEMENT REFERRING TO THE QUOTE SO-CALLED UNQUOTE TAIWAN PEOPLE LIBERATION FRONT AND SAID THAT THE POLICE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A GROUP AND IF IT DID EXIST, IT WAS SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT. HE SAID THAT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY ALL POLICE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEY WERE STRENGTHENING PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ALL ALIENS AND THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE QUOTE SECURITY OF AMERICANS IS THE CARDINAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POLICE UNQUOTE AND THAT THEY (THE POLICE) WANT TO PROTECT THE CLIMATE IN WHICH SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN TAIWAN AND THAT QUOTE THE ROC IS AND HAS BEEN A GOOD CONFIDENTIAL

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PLACE FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS. WE ASSURE IT WILL ALWAYS BE A GOOD PLACE FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE.

3. DIRECTOR GENERAL K'UNG SAID THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE WAS A SIMPLE, CHEAP BUT EFFECTIVE WEAPON AND SAID QUOTE DO NOT FALL INTO THEIR (THE TERRORISTS') TRAP UNQUOTE. HE SAID THAT THEY (ROC AUTHORITIES) HAD BEEN DEALING QUITE EFFECTIVELY WITH

THIS SORT OF THING FOR 28 YEARS.

4. DIRECTOR GENERAL K'UNG WAS ASKED HOW MANY LETTERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND HE STATED THAT A TOTAL OF 68 WERE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE POLICE AND THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS WERE ONES THAT HAD BEEN INTERCEPTED BY POLICE BEFORE POST OFFICE DELIVERY TO ADDRESSEES. HE WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD PROVIDE EMBASSY AND AMCHAM WITH THE NAME LIST OF ADDRESSEES OF THE INTERCEPTED LETTERS AND HE AGREED TO DO SO. IT HAS NOW BEEN MORE THAN A WEEK SINCE THE MEETING AND THE LIST HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. GENERAL CHANG'S OFFICE INDICATES THAT IT SHOULD BE FEBRUARY 14 OR 15. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF EIGHT AMERICAN FIRMS WHICH HAVE RECEIVED THESE LETTERS AT THEIR HOME OFFICES IN THE US. ALL THESE FIRMS HAVE BRANCHES IN TAIWAN WHICH ARE ALSO RECIPIENTS OF THE LETTER.

5. THERE WAS MUTUAL AGREEMENT AT THE MEETING ON AVOIDING ANY PUBLICITY AS IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT ONE OF THE CHIEF AIMS OF THE GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LETTERS WAS TO ATTRACT PUBLICITY. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT EMBASSY AND AMCHAM WOULD CONTINUE TO REFER NEWS MEDIA INQUIRIES TO GENERAL CHANG; AND THAT AMCHAM AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS POLICE (NOT EMBASSY) WOULD ENCOURAGE NEWS MEDIA NOT TO SERVE THE TERRORISTS' CAUSE BY GIVING THEM A PUBLIC FORUM. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY MENTION OF THE LETTERS IN ANY TAIWAN NEWS MEDIA OR ELSEWHERE.

6. GENERAL CHANG NOTIFIED RSO FEBRUARY 10 THAT SEVERAL MORE JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE RECEIVED THE LETTER DURING THE PAST WEEK.
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